

Mirboo North Pool Repairs Underway

Repair works on the Mirboo North Pool have commenced to address damage sustained during the February 2024 storm event.

Damage to the much-loved community asset was significant, particularly to the plant room which contains the heat pumps, and dosing and filtration systems. These items are critical to the safe functioning of the pool and require specialist parts. Without this equipment operational, water quality and public safety cannot be assured.

Repairs are also required to the change rooms, splash park, plant shed, fencing, shelters, pavilion building and equipment.

Due to complexities with the equipment and securing safe access to the plant room, the insurance assessment proved difficult and took longer to complete than originally anticipated. The completed assessment revealed that there is approximately \$1.2 million worth of damage at the pool, which will be progressively repaired over the coming months.

The repairs will be fully covered under Council's insurance policy, and the insurer has engaged a specialist contractor to complete the works. The contractor has been advised of the importance of the pool to the local community and will work to progress repairs as quickly as possible, however, external factors - such as weather and attaining the necessary parts – can impact timelines.

Council remains hopeful that the pool repairs will be completed prior to the end of the summer season, but is unable to commit to an exact timeframe at this stage. Once repaired, the pool will remain open until the end of March as the heating allows for a longer season than some of the other outdoor pools in the region.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council

"The Mirboo North Pool is an important community asset and Council remains hopeful that repairs will progress swiftly. Council will provide updates on the key repair milestones when they occur."

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